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Examiner: J. Cottingham

Art Unit: 3629

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional patent application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/567,999 filed on May 10, 2000, of Mark V. Shoen (Inventor currently of record in prior application) for the invention entitled "Coupling Disconnect Prevention Device" which is incorporated by reference in its entirety therein.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application and declaration as originally filed.
- I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/567,999 as originally filed on May 10, 2000, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:
- The below calculation includes claims as filed in the prior application less any claims cancelled by an amendment.


FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
			RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$ 385.00			\$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	11	-20 0	x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18 =	\$
INDEP CLAIMS	2	-3 0	x 43 =	\$	OR	x 86 =	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			- \$145			- \$290	
TOTAL				\$			\$770.00

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 10-0440 the amount of \$\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee for this divisional application. Please CREDIT any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 10-0440. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
  - ☐ The issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).
  - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Prior to calculating the filing fee:
- Cancel in this application original claims 1-14 of the prior application and add new claims 17-25. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting after the title and before the "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" the sentence:  
--This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/567,999 filed on May 10, 2000--

- ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application. (May only be used if signed by person authorized by § 1.138 and before payment of base issue fee.)
- ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed and addressed to the Drawing Review Branch.
- ☐ Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 USC § 119. (country)
- ☐ The certified copy of this priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449 citing 11 references.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to U-Haul International, Inc. on May 10, 2000 under Reel/Frame No. 010809/0531.
- ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to ROD S. BERMAN, Reg. No. 31,483, BERNARD R. GANS, Reg. No. 27,443, BRENNAN C. SWAIN, Reg. No. 43,175 and DAVID J. MEYER, Reg. No. 33,425 of Jeffer, Mangels, Butler and Marmaro LLP, 2121 Avenue of the Stars, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067.
- a. ☒ The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ An associate power of attorney is enclosed.
- d. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
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- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ The amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is included in the enclosed Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claims added by the preliminary amendment.
- ☐ A Verified Statement to Establish Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ The statement(s) of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is (are) still proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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